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1. On 28 and 29 August 1952, a Volkspolizei tent camp was observed near Jasmunder Bodden on Ruegen Island. Three hundred tanks, apparently T-34s, were lined up in three rows for a stretch of about 1.5 km along the shore of the Bodden. (1) Soviet units were observed in the former Kraft durch Freude (KdF) (strength through joy) buildings. Most of the buildings have been re-conditioned. (2) According to a railroad official, two or three trains arrived daily on Ruegen Island during the last week of August. During the night of 28 August, 15 tanks loaded on well wagons were unloaded and towed by trucks toward the VP tent camp mentioned above. The train came from the direction of Bergen.
2. On 11 September, [] the middle section of the former KdF buildings in Prora which extends about 1 km, quartered VP personnel. About 70 new BMW sedans, 200 ZIS trucks and 200 guns were observed in the parking lot. [] learned from a member of the VP that about 20,000 VPs of all branches of service were to be quartered in Prora. (3)
3. Soviet units were quartered in bunkers and tents in the left sector of the still heavily damaged KdF health resort. (2)
4. About 1,000 men of the Dienst fuer Deutschland (labor service for Germany) were quartered in tents in the right section of this health resort. Several hundred tents were seen. Members of the labor service arrived daily. (4)

Comments.

- (1) It is believed that the VP tent camp and the tanks were on the eastern shore of the Kleine Jasmunder Bodden near Prora.
- (2) The buildings of the former KdF health resort quarter both Soviet troops and Volkspolizei. A large part of these troops is quartered in tents pending the completion of permanent buildings.

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- (3) According to statements made by several deserters, about 20,000 VPs were quartered in Prora in early September 1952.
- (4) Details of the Dienst fuer Deutschland were also employed on the construction of military installations in the Pasewalk-Eggesin-Torgelow area.

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